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*Mission San Antonio de Padua, Founded July 14, 1771
by Father Junipero Serra
Located within the property of Fort Hunter Liggett*

How appropriate for this holiday season to have a place of worship with such a wonderful history within the cantonment area on the West Coast Garrison's Fort Hunter Liggett. The Mission and its surroundings look much the same today as they did in 1856 when Henry Miller visited many of the old California Missions and sketched an elevation view of each, including Mission San Antonio de Padua. In this season it is most appropriate to visit inside the chapel on a quiet day. Once inside, one certainly feels the real meaning of the holiday season regardless of your personal religious preference. Try It!

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This publication is a merger of the former Fort Hunter Liggett "Coyote" and the Camp Parks "Advisor"

THE FIRST EDITION of this West Coast Garrison publication to replace the Fort Hunter Liggett "Coyote" and the Camp Parks "Advisor" comes to press at a most opportune time, the Holiday seasons of Christmas, Hanukah and Kwanza.

This is the time of the year when we all look into our own hearts and to our individual spiritual guidance for support in concerns we might have for needs of our children, or to offer gifts of thanks to our loved ones for their support and friendship, or for each of us to share the abundance that many of us have with those who are in need.

We have Christmas trees, parties and gift giving but most of all we have a feeling in our heart, a feeling of joy and an opportunity to rededicate our own lives in such a way that we improve our communities and impact others who we meet during the routine course of our life as we reach out to seek a better and peaceful world for all mankind.

Our Soldiers are in distant lands to ease our concern from the threat in the United States of new terrorism attacks. Our Soldiers are in Iraq and Afghanistan to offer democratic ideals and freedom to people who have lived through hell under brutal dictators.

May we all do our job in the best manner possible. May our prayers be for those who are in harms way in the U. S. or over seas. May our children see the benefits of peace. May we all work for negotiated peace when possible. May we also be prepared to fight those who would deny us the right to live as "one Nation, under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all".



Commander's Holiday Message:

As we take this time of the year to reflect on the busy year we have had, and look forward to the New Year, it is important that we also rededicate ourselves to service to the Greatest Nation in history, and the preservation of the freedoms she has provided to each of us.

This has been quite a year for the West Coast Garrison; one that has seen us complete a long and arduous commercial activities study and the implementation of the Most Efficient Organization at Fort Hunter Liggett, the growth of the two formerly separate sub-installations of Fort McCoy into a Brigade level installation' virtually independent from our former parent and the beginning of our "right-seat ride" to full maturity.

We have much to be proud of. We have completed the first ever baffled firing range at Camp Parks, the establishment of our budget shop and contracting office, a reversal of one of our worst budget years in recent memory into one of the most successful, the commencement of the Residential Communities Initiative and the list goes on and on, while concurrently supporting nearly 600,000 days of training. None of this could have been possible without our dedicated workforce, our Soldiers and their families, our dedicated Army Civilians, and our industry partners and their contract workforce. I am very proud of all that you have done to support our Soldiers.

As each of you know our Nation is engaged in the Global War on Terror. Our civilian and military leaders have told us that this is a tough fight, one that could be long. Our Army is busier than ever, deployed not just to Iraq and Afghanistan, but in over 100 countries around the world.

It is our charge and our mission to sustain this valiant effort. Our Chief of Staff of the Army General Schoomaker has insisted that all Army Installations are flagships of readiness. This is what we are, this is what we do, and we must never forget that we exist only to support those fighting on foreign lands. As a training installation we must strive to do better than yesterday, but better yet tomorrow. We are and must remain a key component of our Army's non-negotiable contract with the American people to fight and win our Nation's wars. I ask each of you to redouble your efforts to keeping our volunteer force vibrant, strong and in the fight. We will face great challenges in the days ahead, but I know you are up to the task.

Charlotte and I wish each of you and your family members a very happy and safe Holiday season, and we look forward to great things in the New Year ahead.

Colonel James H. Doty Jr.

A Message of Thanks from Charlotte Doty

"I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Holiday Party and the lighting contest a resounding success with more and better entries than ever! I would also like to thank Ms. Lucie Titus and the Dean Chapter of AUSA and their corporate sponsors who donated the tremendous gifts. Jim and I wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season and a happy New Year."

Charlotte Doty

"Peace on Earth... Good Will Toward Men" (Gospel of Luke, 2:14)

By Chaplain (MAJ) Robert Brady, West Coast Garrison

These 7 words, spoken by an angel, and recorded by an early physician named Luke, continue to challenge us long after they were originally written. That offer of peace, God to people, is amazing!

In this holiday season, all of us are reminded that *peace* on Earth remains an elusive and fragile thing: kidnappings, bombings, beheadings, war, political unrest, domestic violence, child abuse, homelessness and poverty, both physical and spiritual, are the stuff we face in the news and in our own lives on a daily basis. Sort of makes you lose hope in the peace thing, doesn't it?

But we shouldn't give up the peace thing too quickly. The point of the angel's message is this: *Peace* is not something that is inherited; it is something that is made. God seeks peace on Earth by offering Good Will toward human beings. In other words, God makes the move toward peace through his good will. In Christian theology, the good will of God is made public through the birth of Jesus.

What does this have to do with you and me? Maybe, just maybe, in this season each of us should find ways to make peace – peace with ourselves, our families, co-workers, neighbors – in short, with everyone!

Take the initiative! Of course, you shouldn't expect everyone to accept your efforts to make peace, but some of them might surprise you. And what might surprise you more? You might find that peace comes to *you*! It's true, by becoming a peace maker, you find peace springing up in your own life.

Hey, it's the Holidays! You sure don't want to waste 'em. Almost all religious groups have major faith celebrations during this time of year. Gift giving is on everyone's mind. I can't think of a greater gift to give or receive than peace.

So, it's still "Peace on Earth... Good will toward men." May all of us in the West Coast Garrison work for, and pray for, peace in the coming year.

Western Information Operations Center (WIOC) has Change of command Ceremony

On December 4th the Western Information Operation Center (WIOC) held their change of Command ceremony. The WIOC who reports to the Army Reserve Information Operations Command located in Adelphi, Md, had its Commander, COL Bruce Carlson perform the ceremony as Outgoing Commander, COL Glenn A. Kesselman was thanked for his service and relieved of his command to Incoming Commander, LTC John F. Roney. The WIOC is one of five IOCs in the US Army Reserve that provides Computer Network Defense and Information Operations support for the Department of Defense ensuring their effective planning, direction and coordination of supported forces and the ultimate achievement of information superiority on the battlefield. *"To win one hundred victories in one hundred battles is not the acme of skill. To subdue the enemy without fighting is the acme of skill"* - Sun TZU, The Art of War

WILLIAM F. DEAN CHAPTER, AUSA HONORED IN WASHINGTON CEREMONY



l to r, BG Ingram, Assist. Commd. Gen. 91st Div.
Lucie Titus, President William F. Dean Chapter, AUSA
MG Rodney Kobayashi Commd. Gen. 91st Div.
COL James H. Doty, Jr., Commander of the Army WCG (P)
LTG Roger Thompson (retired) AUSA

The Major General William F. Dean Chapter at Camp Parks, for the second year in a row, was awarded as being Best of the Large AUSA Chapters in the World. Lucie Titus, the Dean Chapter President and tireless advocate for Soldiers care and benefits, was presented with the award at the 2004 annual meeting and exposition of AUSA, held in Washington, D.C.

The meeting was billed as a Professional Development Forum with the subject of "Our Army at War—Relevant and Ready". Those in attendance looked like a Who's Who of the US Army and included, Les Brownlee, The Acting Secretary of the Army, General Peter Schoomaker, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army and Lieutenant General James R. Helmly, Chief of the Army Reserve and Commanding General U.S. Army Reserve Command, to name just a few of the luminaries. Colonel James H. Doty, Jr., the commanding Officer of the U.S. Army West Coast Garrison (P) and host of the Dean Chapter at Camp Parks was also in attendance to recognize the accomplishments of the Dean Chapter under the guidance of its' highly successful President, Lucie Titus.

In addition to the Best Chapter Award, some 21 points of additional recognition were bestowed upon the Dean Chapter in various categories of achievement. Streamers were awarded for these accomplishments. Congratulations Dean Chapter and Congratulations President Lucie Titus!!

Congratulations!

"Major" Ron Dix has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel Ron Dix. A promotion ceremony was held on December 22 at Camp Parks. Congratulations Colonel Dix, it is well deserved.



1st Place to WARISC, #1 Holiday Spirit Holiday Season Decorations Contest



1st Place to WARISC (continued) Courtyard Art Panel by Cpt Dave Domingo



2nd Place to the 104th DIV Holiday Season Decorations Contest



1st Place, outdoor category, 91st DIV Holiday Season Decorations Contest



3rd Place to WCG DPT/Jamie Edwards Holiday Season Decorations Contest



"TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY" and jolly it was at the Holiday party hosted by Colonel and Charlotte Doty.

The star of the show was that jolly, white bearded man-- Mr. Santa Claus. He is always the star at Christmas parties and Charlotte and the Colonel's party was no exception. Santa was bombarded with Christmas lists, short and long. Santa assured everyone he would do his best.

Soon after Santa left the party, I know I heard a shout from the rooftop,

"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

AND

TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT"

BRAGGING RIGHTS

The holiday spirit spilled out into the halls of the Camp Parks Installation's offices and Tenant's offices these past weeks. The offices, hallways, lobbies and entranceways have grown fully decorated holiday trees, warming fireplaces, complete with "stockings hung with care" and images of Ole Saint Nick are hanging everywhere. It must be the Christmas season, the season for Hanukah and the season for Kwanza must be nearing. It is time to judge all those great decorations for the 2004 Holiday Season, and with those coveted awards goes the justly earned Bragging Rights for 2004 (according to DOD regulation PO-2356890-01A-as revised, those bragging rights last a full year).

AAAND the results are IN!! The winner for the 2004 Best Holiday Season decoration is——WARISC with a winning array of holiday caricature sketches, a roaring fireplace with socks waiting for Santa's visit and a decorated tree to complete the package. Well done WARISC. 2nd place goes to the 104th "Holiday Training Tree", with training manuals and common task sheets as ornaments on a beautiful tree. Animated musical character toys under the tree completed the winning effect. 104th,



it was a close vote and many kudos for your excellent work. Third place goes to our own Jamie Edwards in DPT for her office decoration in Bldg. 312. Jamie, you definitely have the Holiday spirit.

And how about Fort Hunter Liggett and its Big-Tree Holiday Season Lighting Event (pictured at left)? After the Tree lighting a great Holiday Dinner and Feast was enjoyed by all.

**Happy Holidays
Fort Hunter Liggett!**

Above:

Fort Hunter Liggett Tree Lighting
Picture provided by SSG Heath Wills

Budget and Contracting offices stand up at Camp Parks

As part of the West Coast Garrison's continuing march of progression from a Fort McCoy sub-installation, to a "right seat ride" with Fort McCoy during 2005, to stand alone status for our Garrison on 10/01/2005, we have hired for and activated a Resource Manager (budgeting) and a Contracting Administration office. Our new Contracting Administrator is Dave Lipeles. Dave has 27 years experience and comes to us from a prior assignment in Qatar. Brenda Gonzales is the new Resource Manager and most recently worked in Stuttgart, Germany. Brenda has 18 years of budgeting experience. Both managers have offices in Building 312.

Master Plan Progresses

The 182 Acre land exchange is moving forward. After design charette meetings in Dublin, RTKL, the architectural firm hired by Staubach, took the suggested ideas expressed by the public and drew concept drawings to show the visual interpretations of the proposed concepts. RTKL also provided professional comment to the Army and the City of Dublin on the pros and cons of these concepts. The new Dublin City Council is expected to further review the concept early next year.

The West Coast Garrison MWR Report

includes a **NEW FITNESS CENTER**

Camp Parks:

- **New Fitness and Recreation Center. opens Jan. 2005.**
- **State of the Art Fitness Equipment.**
- SFC Stanley Arnett, Ms Vickie Marcinowsky, **trainers**, factory trained.
- old fitness center open until Grand Opening (POC X4657) of new Fitness Center.
- **Where: Bldg. 303**, the Community Activities Center on 9th street.
- **new showers** and a washer and dryer for in-house **towel service**.
- **golf competition** being organized for units or groups (4 person minimum). Foursomes compete for prizes in mid/late January on the Camp Parks Driving Range across from the dining facility, Bldg. 332.
- **Please support your barber**, open Monday-Friday, south end of Bldg. 332.
- Community Club at Camp Parks is **open for catered events and parties** held at the Club,
contact: Rose Flores, Hula Mamas, Ph: 925.803.0507.
- **WCG Army Lodges available year round** to authorized Military Personnel, DOD Civilians, retirees and guests. The price is right; You save!
three locations:
 - 1/ Camp Parks, Bldg. 1151 12th street at Davis St, 925.803.5326.
 - 2/ Fort Hunter Liggett, Gibb Hall, 831.386.2511.
 - 3/ B.T. Collins in Sacramento, CA, 916.381.1258.

Fort Hunter Liggett:

- **Hacienda** restaurant, bar and lodging at FHL **opening soon**.
- New contractor taking over Hacienda with **new menu**.
- All **will be available to general public**.
- POC: Mary Lou Scala, Ph: 381.386.2502
- **AAEFES Snack Bar** reopened with **new features**:
 - 1/ Sports Lounge (**Big Screen TV**)
 - 2/ **Internet Café** with a couple of computer chairs.
 - 3/ POC: Jerry Harris, Ph: 831.386.2047.

BY ORDER OF THE
COMMANDING OFFICER
For CAMP PARKS
GATE ENTRY

Effective December 6, 2004 it is
required that:

ALL DEPARTMENT OF ARMY
EMPLOYEE'S/CONTRACTORS
MUST HAVE DECALS OR
TEMPORARY PASSES TO ENTER THE
INSTALLATION

DECALS AVAILABLE AT BLDG. 692
POLICE DEPARTMENT
692 POWERS ST.

DURING THE HOURS OF
9:00 AM – 12:30PM
1330 PM – 1530PM
MONDAY - FRIDAY

We are in the process of hiring a
clerk to issues badges & passes
There will be a permanent office at
the gate in the future.

The Police Department asks that you
be on the alert for anything unusual.

Please call the

Police Department: 925.875.4720, or
911. Don't just walk away and ignore
something that

just does not look or feel right. We
all depend on you to keep your
eyes and ears open. Thank you so
much.

How is the RCI Program Progressing?

As you can see from the picture on the left, it is progressing very well. We are looking at a March, 2005 date for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the first unit's available of the 114 total that will be built in the Camp Parks community. It is anticipated that the first homes for occupancy will involve 21 new Soldier homes here at Camp Parks in Dublin. As you may know, RCI condominium style homes are under construction at Moffett Army Housing in Mountain View as well. That construction is still in the ground preparation stage. Pictures and expected occupancy dates for Moffett will be available in the next Guidon.





The C-17 ready for takeoff before a California sunset

C-17 Landings for Fort Hunter Liggett?

The need to transport military equipment and troops over longer flight distances, with greater payloads and with greater speed has been anticipated in the Army's troop deployment plans for the near and long term future. The development of the C-17 transport aircraft, as a replacement for the C-130, is a reflection and a solution of those needs. As assessments are made as to what future or present combat situations affect the combat support training necessary for the Army Reserve and the Joint Forces, Fort Hunter Liggett has been looked upon as a testing site for these future needs. Fort Hunter Liggett currently has Schoonover Airfield that could be readily lengthened the some 1700 additional feet required for adequate and safe C-17 landings testing programs. The weather of Central California and Fort Hunter Liggett meets the climate conditions outlined in the pre-program needs analysis and the pavement/soil conditions that are called for in the design matrix for the C-17 landing areas are also within the criteria of acceptance for a qualified testing program.

In addition to these considerations are the facts that Fort Hunter Liggett is an ideal size and the terrain mirrors much of the world's surface area to where our troops might be deployed by C-17. The selection of Fort Hunter Liggett as a test landing field could well lead to a prime permanent training base airfield for extensive C-17 combined maneuver training over the future years. Fort Hunter Liggett offers favorable costing consideration for military spending analysts.

We can only speculate as to what the future holds but one fact has been decided upon and that is that Fort Hunter Liggett has been chosen as a finalist in consideration for being selected as a C-17 testing and evaluation landing site. This is a step in the right direction and opens the door for yet another positive reason why the West Coast Garrison and Fort Hunter Liggett should figure strongly in the future defense training needs of our great country. There is continuing adaptation of the support assets of the West Coast Garrison for the support of our country's War on Terrorism and for our Homeland Defense needs.

I hope you have enjoyed this first edition of The Golden Guidon, the US Army Garrison West Coast (P) Quarterly Newsletter. Like our Garrison name, the name of this publication is still (P) Provisional. Please advise by e-mail: don.sundius@usarc-emh2.army.mil if you have other publication names that we should consider. The name should reflect meaning for all the four components of the Garrison and should support Command objectives. I look forward to your comments and other suggestions and please send by e-mail any articles of interest to the Garrison that you want us to consider for inclusion in our next Golden Guidon. Thanks and have a great Holiday!

This first issue of the West Coast Garrison's The Golden Guidon started with "**Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men**". It seems fitting that we end with the sentiments depicted on the artist panel from the First Place Holiday Decorations entry of WARISC, the mistletoe panel, by WARISC artist CPT Dave Domingo. **Have a safe and loving Holiday!!**



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